

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 286**

LCO No. 4776

**AN ACT EXPANDING AGING IN PLACE INITIATIVES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-607 of the general statutes is amended by  
2 adding subsection (d) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (d) On and after July 1, 2015, the Commissioner of Rehabilitation  
4 Services is authorized to establish and administer a grant fund for the  
5 purpose of providing assistance to eligible persons to undertake home  
6 modifications and acquire assistive technology devices, as defined in  
7 section 42-330 of the general statutes, necessary to allow such persons  
8 to age in place in a home setting of their choice. The commissioner  
9 shall assign staff to administer the program. For purposes of this  
10 section, "eligible persons" means persons sixty-five years of age or  
11 older or persons of any age with physical disabilities who (1) have an  
12 annual income that does not exceed four hundred per cent of the  
13 federal poverty level, and (2) provide to the department a written  
14 statement signed by a health care provider licensed pursuant to  
15 chapter 370 of the general statutes that such person is in need of a  
16 home modification or assistive technology device to live  
17 independently.

Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The sum of five million dollars is

appropriated to the Department of Rehabilitation Services, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, to establish and administer a grant fund for home modifications and assistive technology devices pursuant to section 17b-607 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	17b-607
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section